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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 April 2009.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 12-15 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 12-14 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) 15 is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 02 January 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. This office action is in response to the RCE/amendment filed on 04/13/2009.

Claim 15 has been amended.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments, see pages 7-9 of the Remarks, filed 04/13/09, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roesch et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,240,368) in view of Shukla (U.S. PG-PUB 2002/0042875) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Ji et al. (US 5,623,600) and Schuehler et al. (US 2004/0049596).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ji et al. (US 5,623,600) in view of Schuehler et al. (US 2004/0049596). Ji teaches a method for preventing intrusions to a computer system, comprising:

using a network-based appliance to intercept data packets (fig. 1, Gateway node 33, col. 3, lines 53-62);

deciding whether to forward the intercepted packets or whether to route the intercepted packets to a virtual proxy (fig. 4, routing TCP-based packets 415 to proxy 421/422);

performing TCP processing on the intercepted packets before routing them to the virtual proxy (fig. 4, TCP 415);

using the virtual proxy to analyze the packets that have been routed to the virtual proxy to detect intrusions using a processing engine having a processing procedure that detects intrusion (i.e., detecting virus) (col. 7, lines 56-65).

Ji fails to teach using the virtual proxy to direct a transport layer to modify packets. However, Schuehler discloses modifying packets at the transport layer (paragraph [0130]). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to modify the transport layer in order in order to sanitize selected data contained in a TCP stream to prevent spreading of a virus as taught by Schuehler (paragraph [0130]).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claim 15 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MINH DINH whose telephone number is (571)272-3802. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri: 10:00am-6:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 2432

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